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Potentate Wilson, Jr. Re-elected for 3d Term, Endorsed by Temple for National Office

All Temple Officers Re-elected 3500 Attend Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of Aleppo Temple was held Friday, January 23, 1942 in Mechanics Building, Boston, with over 3,000 Nobles in attendance.

The business meeting of the Temple was opened in Talbot Hall by Illustrious Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., assisted by his divan of elected and appointed officers, at 4 P.M., where 34 new "Sons of the Desert" were elected and obligated in full form by the Aleppo ritualistic degree team. In addition to these candidates, 13 Nobles were affiliated and 27 reinstated to membership.

The annual reports of the Treasurer, Recorder, Trustees of the Permanent Fund and Auditing Committee, which were printed and distributed at this meeting, were unanimously adopted and voted to be spread on the records of the Temple. Following the acceptance of these reports the Illustrious Potentate called the attention of the Nobles to the fact that Aleppo Temple had made its first annual gain in membership, numbering 24, since the year 1927, a period of 14 long years and had reinstated 400 former members, the largest number of reinstatements in one year since the institution of the Temple.

Upon motion duly seconded the following resolution which was presented and read by the Assistant Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee, secretary of the meeting, was unanimously adopted by the Temple.

RESOLUTION

"Whereas Aleppo Temple of Boston, chartered on June 6, 1883, is now fourth largest among the 159 Shrine Temples of North America; and

"Whereas Aleppo Temple, in all the 59 years of its history, has never been represented on the Imperial Divan, except in the case of Noble Frank Locke, who was elected Imperial Chief Rabban in 1892; and

"Whereas New England has had no representation on the Imperial Divan for many years; and

"Whereas Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., three times elected Potentate of Aleppo Temple, has rendered distinguished and tireless service to Shrinedom, and has exhibited splendid qualities of leadership which this past year resulted in the first net gain in Aleppo membership since 1927; and

"Whereas Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. has rendered distinguished service in Masonry generally, being a Past Master of Joseph Webb Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Past High Priest of St. Paul's Chapter R. A. M., Past Illustrious Master of Boston Council R. and S. M., Past Commander of Boston Commandery K. T., a member of Massachusetts Consistory 32°, and at present Commander of the 8th Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and

"Whereas Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. has rendered energetic and distinguished public service, both City and State, in the legislative and judicial branches of our government;

"Therefore Be It Resolved—that Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. of Aleppo Temple be and he hereby is endorsed by said Temple for the office of Imperial Outer Guard of the Imperial Council; and that it is the desire of said Temple that the Representatives of Aleppo Temple present his name at the next session of the Imperial Council, and take all proper and lawful steps under the rules and laws of the Imperial Council to bring to the attention of the Officers and Representatives thereof the qualifications of Noble Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr. for said office, and that the Recorder of Aleppo Temple be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution, under the seal of said Temple, to each member of the Imperial Council, and to each Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine."

Following the passage of this resolution Potentate Wilson said that he wished to express his appreciation of the vote, stating however, that under no circumstances would he permit his

name to be presented to the Imperial Council if the 1942 Council Session should be awarded to Boston in response to the Temple's invitation of last year, due to the fact that in such case we would of course, be the host to the Shriners of North America.

Following the degree work and the initiation of the new members the Temple was closed to be opened in Grand Hall at 6:45 P.M.

A buffet dinner was served from 5 until 7 P.M. in Machinery Hall. A band concert by Aleppo Band, under the direction of Walter Smith, was held from 6:15 to 6:45 P.M. Following the band concert Illustrious Potentate Wilson called the Temple to order for the purpose of holding a business meeting and annual election of officers of Aleppo Temple. At this business meeting the Illustrious Potentate announced that the Temple had purchased the limit allowed to a fraternal organization in Defense Bonds, \$100,000, which is the largest contribution of any Shrine Temple in the country.

The annual election of officers resulted in the reelection of the following Nobles for the ensuing year: Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Potentate; Willard P. Lombard, Wakefield, Chief Rabban; Arthur Sondheim, Brookline, Assistant Rabban; Lionel G. H. Palmer, Newton, High Priest and Prophet; Justin A. Duncan, Winthrop, Oriental Guide; Frank W. Morrill, Boston, Treasurer; Walter W. Morrison, Winthrop, Recorder; Harvey B. Leggee, Sharon, Assistant Recorder; Frank L. Nagle, Newtonville, Trustee, Permanent Fund, three years. Chosen as representatives to the National Imperial Council were Walter W. Morrison, Judge Wilson, Willard P. Lombard, Harvey Leggee and Everett W. Jacocks of Richmond, Va.

Noble Frank L. Nagle was reelected a trustee of the Permanent Fund of the Temple for a three year term. The representatives elected to the 1942 Imperial Council Session were:

Walter W. Morrison, *Emeritus*
Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
Willard P. Lombard
Harvey B. Leggee
Everett W. Jacocks

At the conclusion of the election the Nobility present witnessed another outstanding program of high class vaudeville under the direction of the "King of Entertainers," Noble Charles Washington Pike.

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**UNITED WAR FUND THANKS
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IN appreciation of the services of the Aleppo Temple Shrine Band in assisting at the recent rally of the War Fund held at Boston Garden, Aleppo Temple received the following letter:

"Gentlemen:

"Please accept the thanks of all of us of the Greater Boston United War Fund for the services of your fine Band. The color and music were very much a part of the success of the Garden affair. To elaborate upon our thanks to Aleppo Temple for its many contributions to the cause of humanity would be superfluous.

"Just let us say thank you very much.

"Sincerely yours,

"MAYNARD HUTCHINSON,
"General Chairman."



HONOR ROLL

THE following is a list of Nobles who signed their name on the top line of the applications for membership received at the Annual Meeting held Friday, January 23, 1942:

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A MESSAGE FROM THE POTENTATE

I FEEL rather certain that the membership of Aleppo Temple, and especially those Nobles who were unable to attend our successful annual meeting on Friday, January 23, will be interested in the following statistical review of the most recent 16 years in our 59 year history.

Our recent January ceremonial produced 34 Nobles created, 27 reinstated, and 13 affiliated,—against 20 created, 11 reinstated, and 4 affiliated in January of last year. A total of 74 in January of 1942 compared with 35 in January, 1941.

Your attention is also called to another significant and financially helpful factor, evident in the comparative figures from 1926 to date, relating to Life Members and so-called Due Paying Members. In 1932 the number of members paying dues exceed total Life Members by over 1200; the weight changed in 1933 when Life Members were in the majority. Since that year the comparative spread has shortened,—most recently at the rate of about 400 annually,—and presumably by the close of 1942 a majority of our membership will again be paying dues. This has become an important factor because of rapid decrease in income from our Permanent Fund largely due to reduction of Savings Bank interest rates to a present average of less than 2%.

Statistical Summary of Aleppo Temple 1926-1941 Inclusive

	Created	Affiliated	Reinstated	Deaths	Demits	Suspensions
1926	678	20	4	241	111	173
1927	425	13	15	222	102	122
1928	523	27	8	255	66	209
1929	469	21	19	243	82	215
1930	309	15	9	245	117	275
1931	191	12	13	246	117	68
1932	106	31	5	299	138	88
1933	98	28	5	270	167	1555
1934	93	18	86	277	125	243
1935	83	24	242	277	61	554
1936	83	10	240	229	65	573
1937	107	18	58	264	104	655
1938	99	14	30	219	76	356
1939	178	33	149	236	65	123
1940	86	11	53	223	57	157
1941	112 (A)	20 (B)	400 (C)	238	68	202

(A) 2nd largest in 10 years.

(B) 2nd largest in 8 years.

(C) Largest in 59 years.

	Total Members	Gain or Loss	Life Members	Members Paying Dues	Fees	Dues
1926	15,316	+ 177	Figures		\$43,575.00	\$107,963.50
1927	15,323	+ 7	not		32,435.00	114,739.50
1928	15,278	— 62	available.		39,300.00	105,919.50
1929	15,247	— 31	6974	8273	34,950.00	103,366.00
1930	14,943	— 304	6854	8089	23,175.00	103,565.00
1931	14,728	— 215	6728	8000	14,325.00	85,602.00
1932	14,345	— 383	6579	7766	7,800.00	71,477.00
1933	12,484	—1861	6389	6095	6,350.00	60,729.98
1934	12,036	— 448	6244	5792	4,600.00	69,642.00
1935	11,493	— 543	5906	5587	4,100.00	64,857.13
1936	10,959	— 534	5742	5217	4,200.00	58,393.44
1937	10,119	— 840	5444	4675	5,300.00	59,239.46
1938	9,611	— 508	5223	4388	4,950.00	51,648.24
1939	9,547	— 64	5487	4460	8,950.00	50,523.48
1940	9,260	— 287	4936	4324	4,300.00	50,408.47
1941	9,284	+ 24 (D)	4787	4497	5,630.00 (E)	54,119.66 (F)

(D) 1st net gain in 14 years.

(E) 2nd largest in 8 years.

(F) Largest in 4 years.

In these days of National emergency and unsettled economic life, it is encouraging to observe that Aleppo Temple was one fraternal organization that refused to lose courage or confidence during 1941 and forged ahead. With the active and loyal cooperation of the Nobility of this splendid Temple, we can continue our recent momentum through the current year.

Yours with and in the Faith,

Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Illustrious Potentate.

NOTES OF NOBLES

NOBLES of Aleppo Temple called to the service of the United States are requested to notify our Recorder of changes in mailing address. We feel that if such information is made available through the ALEPPO NEWS, many of the Nobility will welcome the opportunity to drop a line of good cheer to our boys in uniform during the months to come.

Any Nobles who might be stationed at one of the four large Defense Units in North Carolina should contact Noble C. A. Seifert, Recorder of Sudan Temple, New Bern, N. C., who will be very happy to make things as pleasant as possible for them during their stay at these locations. The four Defense Units in North Carolina are:

Fort Bragg at Fayetteville, N. C.
Camp Davis near Wilmington, N. C.
New River Marine Base at Jacksonville, N. C.
Cunningham Field near New Bern, N. C.

Two of the coming events of Aleppo which promise to be popular are:

Spring Ball and Card Party, Copley-Plaza Hotel, Friday, March 20, 1942. Details in the March issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS.

Spring Ceremonial, probable date, Friday, May 22, 1942.

There is hardly a newspaper but what carries some article, and more often than not, front page headlines with reference to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who is Commander of the U. S. Forces of the Far East. It will be of interest to our readers to know that Gen. MacArthur was made a Mason "at sight" by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in 1936. He is also a member of the Shrine, having crossed the hot sands of Nile Temple in Seattle, Wash.

At this writing Gen. MacArthur and his men are making a great stand against the Japs in the Philippines and we wish them every success.

Many favorable comments were made by Nobles who attended the annual meeting with reference to the Memorial Service Flag Ceremony and saluting of the colors at the meeting, but we wonder how many of our Nobles were as observing as our Treasurer, Frank Morrill, who was the first to notice that the large 10 x 18 foot flag which was unfurled at this ceremony, had only 45 stars.

He counted correctly, and the reason that the flag had only 45 stars is due to the fact that this flag, which is the property of our Illustrious Potentate, is over 40 years old and was used in Boston at the Dewey Parade following the Spanish American War. Therefore it does not bear the stars representing the states of Arizona and New Mexico as well as that of Oklahoma, which state joined the Union in 1907.

We were very pleased to see a tinge of Shrinedom connected with the Baseball Writers' Dinner held at the Copley-Plaza Hotel last month. In addition to the many Shriners in the audience, the head table was adorned by many wearers of the red fez, and it was quite fitting that Noble Eddie



Photo courtesy Boston Post

ALEPPO TEMPLE BUYS DEFENSE BONDS—\$50,000 worth of Government Defense Bonds were purchased January 8, 1942, by Aleppo Temple of Boston at the office of the State Street Trust Co., making a total of \$100,000 bought in two years. Above are, left to right, Mr. D. E. Hersee, Vice President of the Trust Co., and a member of the Massachusetts Defense Bond Committee; Illustrious Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., and Noble Joseph A. Bryant, Trustee of the Permanent Fund of Aleppo Temple.

Collins, Gen. Manager of the Boston Red Sox, in the absence of Ted Williams, accepted for Williams, the Jacob C. Morse memorial trophy, emblematic of the most valuable player in Boston. The trophy, which was presented by Arthur Siegle, sports director of the *Boston Traveler*, is named in honor of our late Noble Jacob C. Morse. Jake, as he was affectionately known throughout sporting circles, wrote baseball for the *Boston Herald* for many years, and created the scoring system employed by the baseball writers of today.



ALEPPO CHILDREN AT SHRINE HOSPITAL

THE last monthly report from the New England unit of the Shriners' Hospital at Springfield showed that Aleppo Temple No. 13 has at the present time 13 children in the Hospital from this jurisdiction.

The Hospital which has a capacity of 60 beds and covers the Shrine Temples from New England, has a waiting list of 124. The report shows that the hospital is filled to this 60 bed capacity, and also shows that up until this year has received the applications of 7,878 crippled children and that nearly 53,000 visits have been made to the outpatient department since it was opened.

PRAYER RUG

BY NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

THE Degree Staff is very happy over the re-election of our Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., who has consented to serve Aleppo for a third year. We wish him well and hope that Aleppo will continue to grow and prosper this year, as it has during his other two years as its leader.

The Shrine Directors Association of North America have announced that their meeting will take place, as usual, this year at Dallas, Texas, on March 26, 27 and 28. This annual affair is for the purpose of arranging new entertainment and novel stunts for the embarrassment of candidates and for the pleasure of the Nobility.

It has been decided, during the month of February (the date to be arranged later) the Degree Staff will have its annual party—ladies included, consisting of dinner, dance and entertainment. This to take the place of our New Year party which had to be postponed.

The Potentate's Ball at the Copley-Plaza, March 27, will be the first opportunity of the Nobility to see the patrol perform in their new uniforms. It is reported that the new uniforms are suitable for the finest patrol and band in existence.

The Degree Staff will continue their regular meetings and look forward to an active and successful 1942.



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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING,
Associate Editor

JANUARY was a busy month for the band, with two jobs in a week. One was at the Boston Garden on Thursday, January 22, when the band turned out about 50 members to help put the Community Fund drive across. They received a good reception from the vast audience that filled that auditorium. In honor of the detachment of U. S. Marines present, the leader called for Semper Fidelis, which is the Marines' own marching tune.

Some of the boys in the band were a wee bit peeved, and justly so, on account of failure of the committee in charge to furnish tickets to the band boys for their friends, although they were promised. It would seem that if the members of the band were willing to give their time and efforts to this project the least the management could do in return would be to pass out a few tickets to those who wanted to bring their wives or sweethearts.

The vaudeville show on this occasion was remarkably good, although Mickey Rooney rather "stole the show."

The next night, Friday the 23rd, was the annual meeting, and the band was the only uniformed unit to be called on for duty that night. About 100 turned out in full uniform and played a concert prior to the meeting. One of the features on the program was a trumpet solo by our leader, Walter Smith, who was obliged to respond with an encore.

We were glad to see Ill. Noble Wilson elected for a third term as Potentate. He has accomplished a lot in keeping up Shrine activities, awakening interest and enthusiasm among the Nobility, as well as showing results in increasing the membership. He is also a firm believer in the value to the Temple of the uniformed units.

In last month's issue we neglected to report an accident to one of our members, which occurred on the first Monday in December at the band room. Noble "Bill" Koenig, sergeant of the clarinet section, in some way tripped at the top of the stairs and pitched down the first flight, breaking his arm badly. He was rushed to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital where the arm was set. Later he had to go back to the hospital for an operation. We are glad to learn that he is getting along all right now, and hope to see him back on the job before long. It does not seem natural not to see "Bill" in his accustomed chair, as his place is rarely vacant at band functions.

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ALTHOUGH no special request has ever been made by the Temple for donations for our Shrine Hospitals at the time of payment of the annual Hospital assessment, many of our Nobles have availed themselves of the opportunity of adding an extra amount to their checks when paying their annual assessment, as a donation to assist in the work of our Crippled Children's Hospital.

We wish to thank the following Nobles for sending in their donation with the regular payment of their 1942 assessment and assure them that the same is greatly appreciated. These donations have been forwarded to the hospital at Springfield.

Noble Harry N. Bloomfield
Noble George T. Butterworth
Noble David S. Cushing
Noble George T. Everett
Noble Charles E. Hall
Noble Rupert W. Jaques
Noble Nathaniel W. Lillie
Noble George H. Nichols
Noble Paul T. Norton
Noble Benjamin D. Rogers
Noble William P. Sutton
Noble Frank T. Youngquist

We wish also to thank Mrs. Percy Fox and Mrs. Ernest G. Howard, who made donations in the names of their husbands, who were members of Aleppo at the time of their death.

For Shriners' Wives, Mothers & Sisters ATTENTION!

SHAREMKHU—An organization of wives, sisters and daughters of Shriners meets in Hotel Brunswick, Boston, the same dates as Aleppo Ceremonies. Fees \$5.00. For applications write Minnie S. Hayden, K. of S., 29 Linden Ave., Somerville or Isabell M. Gosbee, 87 Simonds Road, N. Lexington. Join us for fun and frolic.



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VICTOR COEN OF LONDON SHRINE LUNCHEON SPEAKER

"THERE are no neurotics to speak of among the women and children of England due to the aerial blitz," declared Victor Coen, guest speaker at the Aleppo Temple luncheon, held in the Copley-Plaza Hotel, Tuesday, January 27. More than 500 officers and members of Aleppo and other fraternal groups and also representatives of the Boston Police Department were present. Judge Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Potentate, presided.

"It is not a matter of courage, but of nerves, and how long they can stand up under the strain of warfare, which will be the deciding factor," Mr. Coen continued.

In regard to the rationing of food in England the speaker declared that he has never seen onions, lemons or citrus fruits, and upon his return to this country, seeing a bunch of bananas, wanted to know if they were real bananas.

On the taxation problem he stated that he hears that many Americans are complaining of taxation, but urged them to be prepared for greater taxation. The taxation which the American people are now subjected to is nothing comparable to that of the English people. He gave for example a married man, with two children, in England pays \$154 per year, and a single man \$444 per year in taxes. As far as the high salaried men in the kingdom are concerned, a man earning \$400,000 a year has \$19,000 left after taxes are deducted. Exemplifying the tax problem further the speaker said that there is a 20-cent tax on 20 cigarettes, and a one-third tax on household necessities, such as bedding, etc.

The government of Great Britain is not imposing this tax in order to get money to win the war, but is cutting 60 percent of all productions' material being used for the general public, and converting it into materials necessary to carry on the war.

In reference to the neurotic condition, Mr. Coen declared that the people do not seem to take the bombings seriously—when they hear anti-aircraft fire they take to shelter. This is quite a contrast to the situation at the first days of the war, where there were 200,000 sleeping and living in subways of London, whereas now, there are only 40,000, and most of these only because their homes have been bombed. He explained that the shrapnel bomb does the greater part of the damage on account of flying glass caused by concussion. Some structural damage has been caused but it is immaterial compared to the concussion. As far as fire bombs are concerned, the speaker added the populace of Great Britain is so used to them that boys of 14 to 16 years of age have a friendly jealousy in the competition to extinguish them when they fall.

Mr. Coen, in telling of the evacuation of Dunkirk, said that not only the tugs and barges, but the fishermen, wives and daughters took little boats and crossed the channel in order to rescue their countrymen.

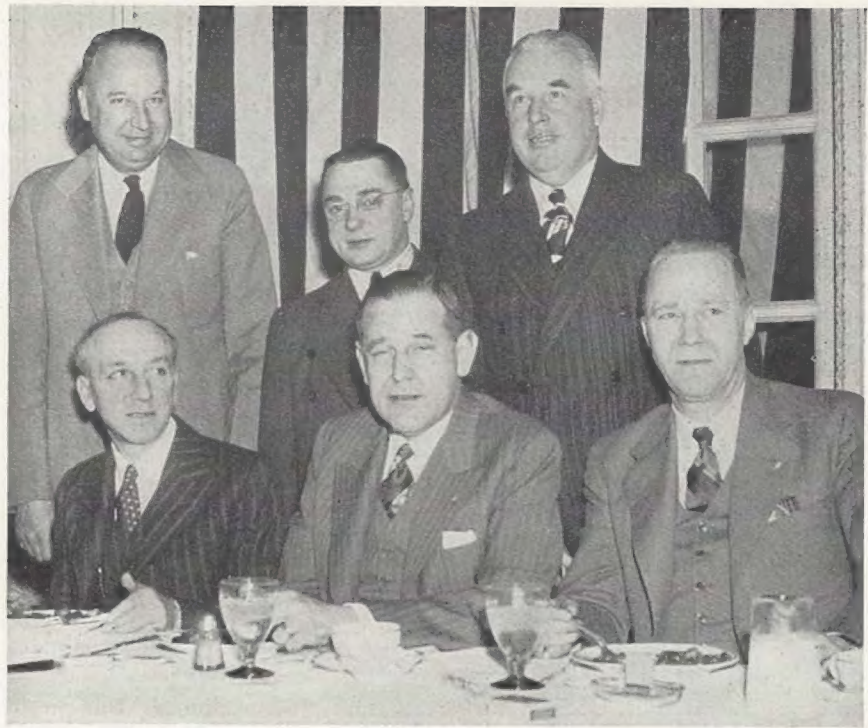


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SHRINERS HEAR STORY OF BATTLE OF BRITAIN—Over 500 Shriners and their guests were given an eye-witness story of the Battle of Britain and the bombing of London at the monthly Shrine Luncheon, Tuesday, January 27, 1942, by Victor Coen, London barrister, guest speaker of the occasion.

Seated left to right: Mr. Coen; Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.; Chief Rabban Willard P. Lombard. Standing: Judge and Noble Frankland W. L. Miles; Assistant Recorder Harvey B. Leggee and Police Commissioner Joseph F. Timilty.

Among the honored guests at the luncheon were Joseph F. Timilty, Boston Police Commissioner; Edward M. Woods, Superintendent of Metropolitan District Police; Edward Fallon, Superintendent of Police; John M. Anderson, Deputy Superintendent, and Judge Frankland W. L. Miles.

The next luncheon of Aleppo will be held Tuesday, February 24, 1942, at the Copley-Plaza Hotel. Our committee has promised us another most interesting speaker.



OFFICER OF ALEPPO WINTERING IN FLORIDA

WORD has been received from Capt. Frank L. Nagle that he and Mrs. Nagle are spending the winter months at Hotel Hollander in St. Petersburg, Florida, which has been their rendezvous for the past several winters.

Noble Nagle was reelected a trustee of the Permanent Fund of Aleppo for the 26th year at our Annual Meeting held on January 23. He has served in this capacity under twelve illustrious Potentates from Walter Morrison, the dean of Aleppo Potes, to the present Illustrious Potentate.

Noble Nagle is a Past Grand Commander of the Knight Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, a Past Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Boston and a Past President of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association.

We congratulate Capt. Nagle on his splendid fraternal record and hope that he may continue to serve in these organizations for many years to come.

A LETTER FROM FLORIDA

THE following very interesting letter was received by our Recorder from Noble J. W. Hammond, a former Mayor of Lake Worth, Florida.

"Dear Noble Morrison,

"I note by the News that a lot of my old friends are passing away.

"Well I shall be 82 my next milestone, February 24. Would like very much to go to one more meeting of Aleppo. Have not been North since 1931. From 1929 to 1935 I was on the Lake Worth, Florida, Commission and served two years as vice Mayor and four years as Mayor. Did not want the job but was forced into it at 70 years of age.

"I am in hopes to be able to take a trip North next summer with my daughter. Am enclosing a clipping from our daily paper, 'The Lake Worth Leader,' which I hope you will find interesting.

"With kind regards to all inquiring friends as well as yourself, I remain,

"NOBLE J. W. HAMMOND."

The clipping referred to by Mr. Hammond, states that he boasts of a garden with many flowers, fruits and shrubbery peculiar to South Florida, among which are real bearing banana trees. His gardens contain many different varieties of fruits and many interesting trees such as orange, grapefruit, cocoanut, key limes, lemons, peach and apple mangoes, alligator pears and the serinum cherry. He also has a number of pineapple plants from which he has obtained some of the largest and finest pineapples he has ever tasted.

SOUTH SHORE NEWS

BY NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES

Associate Editor

DON'T know who was responsible for keeping to schedule at the annual meeting. The members appreciate it for they get home at a reasonable hour.

Walter W. Morrison, our Recorder, might be said to have stolen the show. He certainly is popular and if he did not play a prominent part the Nobles would not feel it was an annual meeting. Always easy on the stage and carries on in a most natural way.

Noble J. J. Rogers claims Palestine Shrine in Providence is quite all right. He started to say the best, looked around and saw many Aleppo Nobles and said it was "tops."

Alex Campbell, of the 4th platoon, takes part in the Kilwinning club degree team. They were at Atlantic Lodge recently. All dolled up in kilts and with the bagpipes, they made a hit.

Seven days a week, 24 hours a day is cramping the style of lodge Degree teams. Several Lodges have had to borrow key men to take part in Degrees. The swing of the night shifts is disrupting routine. Fore River is launching so many boats that it is not even news any more. Possibly a quarter column.

With another ship yard to be built on the South Shore using 20,000 or more men, there will be activity and undoubtedly many visiting Nobles. Never a lodge meeting in this section without soldiers and sailors attending.

Rural Lodge meets in Braintree; Wollaston Lodge in Milton; Theodore Roosevelt Lodge in Wollaston Odd Fellows Hall; Manet in Atlantic Temple; the Quincy Eastern Star in Wollaston Odd Fellows Hall; St. Stephen's Royal Arch Chapter in Quincy Odd Fellows Hall; Mt. Wollaston Royal Arch Chapter, Wollaston Methodist Church social hall next door to their old home; DeMolay in Wollaston Odd Fellows Hall; Taleb Grotto, Walter Scott Hall, Franklin Street, Wollaston, O. E. S. met in Wollaston Congregational Church in January in the parish house and will hold the February meeting there. The Rainbow Girls was the big problem with attendance running to around three hundred. Bethany Congregational Church board granted them the use of their large social hall once a month. They hold the business meeting and rehearsals in Quincy Odd Fellows where the White Shrine also meets.

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Associate Editor

AT this writing the Shrine bowling league has just approached the half way mark. There is a very close race on for first place with Dick Halliday's team as leaders by the slim margin of one point. Fred Pettit's team is runner up with Percy Davis' team in third place 2 points behind the leaders.

Dick Halliday's team (last year's champions) have made a sustained fight after a poor start and have been coming like wild fire the past few weeks. Most of the success of this showing is due to the superb bowling of Chase and Hill, ably supported by the rest of the cast, namely, Captain Dick, Worthington and Haak.

Chase still retains his lead in the averages with 105 but Milton Kerr, the squire of Cohasset, is pressing him hard for this honor. At the time, "Milt" is about 30 pins behind. Andy Hill is in third place and then come the rest of the big ten: Jones, Roberts, Gordon, Robbins, Haak, Hoyt and Hancock.

High three string is also possessed by Chase—his large 403 still holding. And guess who is second with 360? None other than that heavyweight from Norwood, Rex Roberts. You must have been healthy that night, Rex. To make him a popular three letter man, Chase also holds down the high single—146, with K. A. Juthe in the second slot with 139.

The league welcomes to its ranks this month Nobles Woodman and Hambro. Woodman was enticed into the league by Noble Richards, who I believe hails from the same town. Mitch Hambro, the little man with the big smile, was dragged in by a couple of his Degree staff co-workers, Priest and Abbott.

Glad to hear that Frank Kittredge is coming along nicely. He reports that he will be back soon.

The boys were glad to see a couple of old faces the other night, Bill Rogers and Charlie Burland. Now all we need is the appearance of Jim Greig. Well anyhow, Jim, the whole league is pulling for your speedy return.

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UNTIL the patrol is reorganized for the ensuing year it is really non-existent, and during the interim but little news can be gleaned about the men.

St. Omer Commandery, headed by Eminent Bill Sharpe, and officered by Andrew McCulloch, Clyde Carter and several other members of the patrol, held a very successful New Year's party. It was a jolly occasion like those of other times, with a fine entertainment, an excellent banquet, and lively dancing to the close, by everybody that attended.

St. Omer Commandery obtained a minus ten mark at its inspection January 19. Like Aleppo Temple, which purchased \$100,000 worth of United States Defense Bonds, St. Omer also showed its patriotism by voting to purchase \$5,000 worth of bonds.

On February 2, the moving picture of the patrol, taken at Baltimore, was shown at Bektash Temple, Dover, N. H., for the entertainment of the members of the patrol. Lieut. Leslie Dixon exhibited the picture.

Capt. George Tufts, now in the service, took time off to attend the annual meeting and everybody was glad to see him. Col. Cormerais, too, who had had a long sojourn at the hospital, was at the ceremonial.

Dr. G. Bruce Chisholm and Mrs. Chisholm, while on the way to celebrate New Year's Eve with his father, our staff surgeon, were both seriously injured in an auto accident.

We learn that Charlie Hildred, for many years star salesman for the Buick Company, has left that organization and is connected with the Walworth Manufacturing Company.

GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL AND SEC. JESSE JONES MADE MASONS

IN an Occasional Lodge called by Grand Master, Ara M. Daniels of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, held on December 16, 1941, General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army and Jesse H. Jones, Secretary of Commerce, were made Masons "at sight."

The ceremonies which took place in the District of Columbia Scottish Rite Temple in Washington were attended by over four hundred Master Masons including several distinguished Masons from foreign jurisdictions.

Aleppo Temple was represented at the ceremonies by Most Eminent Harry G. Pollard, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knight's Temples of the U. S., and Past Potentate of Aleppo and Illustrious Melvin Maynard Johnson 33rd, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Grand Master Daniels of the District of Columbia presided in the East, and the working stations were occupied by officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. General Marshall was raised by Grand Master Daniels and Secretary Jones was raised by Past Grand Master Charles E. Baldwin.

General Marshall was born in Uniontown, Pa., on December 31, 1880. He became Chief of Staff in September, 1939. During World War I, he was on the General Staff of the 1st Division, Chief of Operations of the 1st Army, Chief of Staff of the 8th Army Corps, and Aide de Campe to General John J. Pershing, 33rd. Among the many medals and distinctions he has received are the Distinguished Service Medal, the Victory Medal with five bars, and the Croix de Guerre with Palm.

Secretary Jones was born April 5, 1874, in Robertson County, Tenn. He is prominent in financial and business circles in Houston, Tex., and owner and publisher of the Houston Chronicle. He was Chairman of the Reconstruction Finance Corp. from 1933 to 1939,

was named Administrator of the Federal Loan Agency in 1939, a position he stills holds, and was appointed Secretary of Commerce by President Roosevelt in 1940.

The charter for the Occasional Lodge, signed by Grand Master Daniels, was read by Senior Past Grand Master and present Grand Secretary J. Claude Keiper, 33rd. Grand Secretary Keiper delivered the charge of the Master Mason Degree and presented a Bible for this occasion, which was signed by General Marshall and Secretary Jones. It will be placed in the Grand Lodge Museum.

The District of Columbia Chapter of the National Sojourners presented a flag for use in the ceremonies; two suitably engraved silver trowels were presented the candidates by Harmony Lodge No. 17, District of Columbia, and the gavel will be engraved and placed in the Grand Lodge Museum.

Secretary Jones and General Marshall will affiliate later with the Lodges of their choice.

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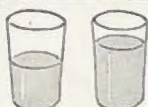
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